

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

--☒ Continuation --☐ Divisional --☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/306,572, filed May 6, 1999,

For (Title): SUPPORTING MECHANISM FOR AN OPTICAL DISK DRIVING DEVICE

By (Inventors): KIYOMIYA et al.

1. --☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

			SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 370	OR		\$ 750
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 - 20	= 0	x 9 =	\$--	OR	x 18	\$--
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 42 =	\$--	OR	x 84	\$--
-- <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+140 =	\$--	OR	+280	\$--
			TOTAL	\$--	OR	TOTAL	\$ 750

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3. ☒ Check No. 365680 in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
4. ☒ Cancel claims 1-5 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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--This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part Application which claims the benefit of pending application Serial No. 09/306,572, filed May 6, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. ☒ Formal drawings (7 sheets, Figs. 1-10) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 10-145031 filed May 11, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
8. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/306,572 on August 27, 1999.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Pioneer Electronic Corporation recorded at Reel 009966, Frame 0285 on May 6, 1999.
10. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
12. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Rustan J. Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412; D. Daniel Dzara, II, Reg. No. 47,543; Bala Sundararajan, Reg. No. 50,900; King Wong, Reg. No. 37,500; Raymond J. Ho, Reg. No. 41,838; Wilburn Chessner, Reg. No. 41,668; Sam Huang, Reg. No. 48,430; and Rhonda L. Barton, Reg. No. 47,271.
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